

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

 Property Name: Sharpening House Inventory Number: BA-2127

 Address: 4 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, Baltimore County

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

 Tax Parcel Number: 255

 Tax Map Number: 42

 Project MD 45 (York Road) at Shawan Road

 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

 Site visit by SHA Staff: no ☒ yes Name: Anne Bruder Date: 07/16/2001

 Eligibility recommended     

 Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

 Criteria      A      B      C      D Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G ☒ None

 Is property located within a historic district? ☒ no      yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

 Is district listed?: ☒ no      yes

 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The Sharpening House, a former single family dwelling, which appears to be a Colonial Revival style dwelling from the early twentieth century. However, the building was converted into a commercial structure, and now serves as office space for the Marble Hill Partnership. Although the building retains much of its original fabric, as a result of the commercial development surrounding it, the Sharpening House is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, under Criterion C, either individually or as an historic district. No information was developed regarding Criterion A, B or D.

 Prepared by: AEBrunder, SHA Arch. Hist.
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 Eligibility recommended     

 Eligibility not recommended ☒

 Criteria:      A      B      C      D Consideration      A      B      C      D      E      F      G      None

Andrew Leir  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

(Signature)  
Reviewer, NR Program

04/02/02

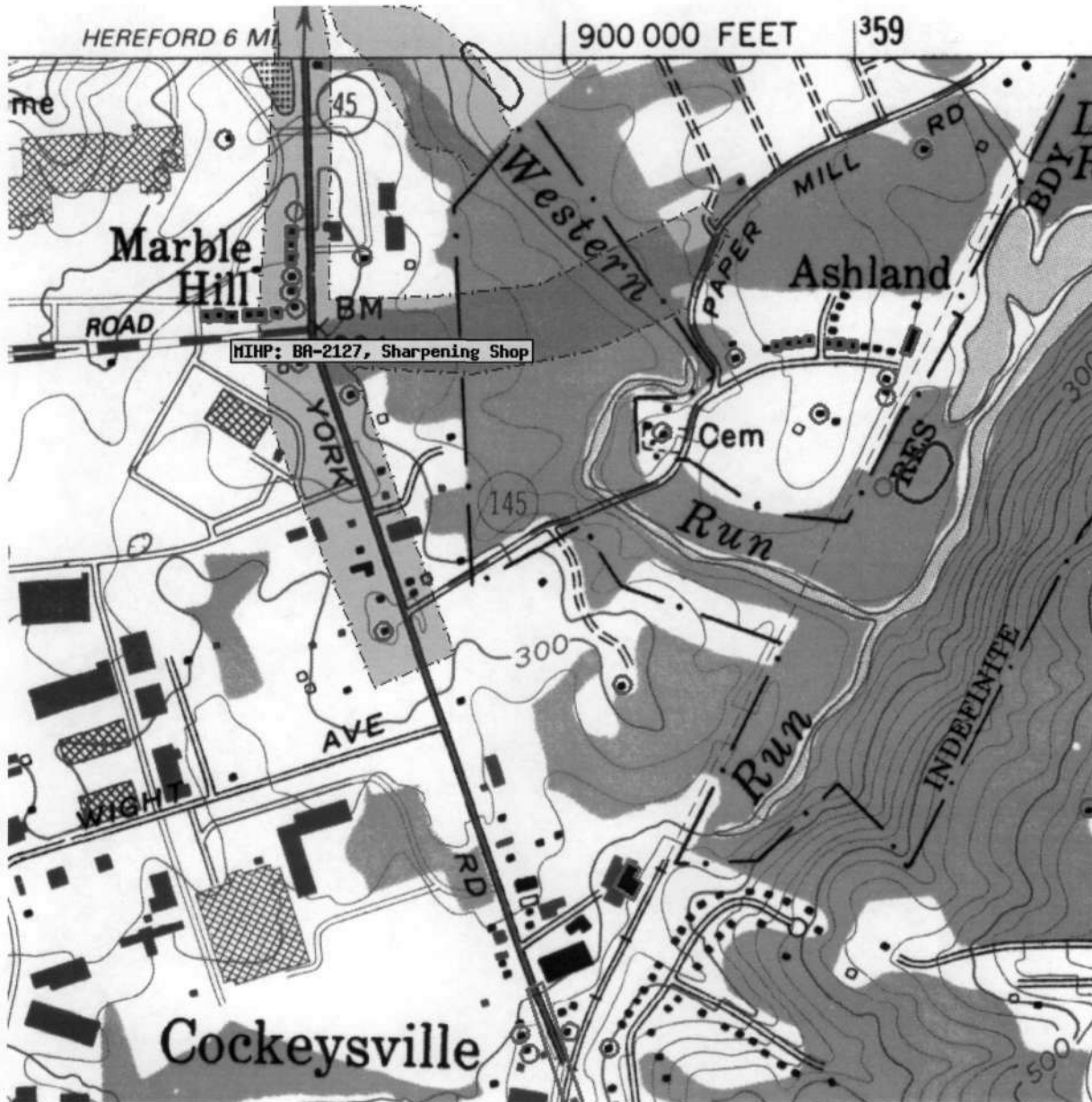
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BA-2127

Cockeysville Quad





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BAZ/27

SHARPENING HOUSE

BALTIMORE MD

APPROX 17/200

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ART 145 6917 <No. 4A>005  
NNNN 00 <046>

SOUTH FACADE

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**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2127**  
**Howard Cottage**  
**4 Shawan Road**  
**Cockeysville, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1925**  
**Private**

The Howard Cottage, constructed at 4 Shawan Road circa 1925, is one of the few single-family dwellings extant in the late 19th century community of Marble Hill. The vernacular dwelling is representative of the early 20th century settlement of this area as it developed into a center for the quarrying of marble. This dwelling was one of the last to be constructed near the intersection of Shawan and York Roads.

The Howard Cottage is a two-story, three-bay-wide, Dutch Colonial Revival style dwelling of wood frame construction. Clad in aluminum siding, the house features a solid poured concrete foundation and a side gambrel roof clad in asphalt shingles. The second story of the structure is dominated by a full-width shed-roofed dormer. An exterior end stretcher bond brick chimney bisects the west elevation. The dwelling fronts south on the north side of Shawan Road and has been greatly altered by the construction of a circa 1990 addition to its north and west elevations. This addition connects it to the neighboring dwelling, located at 5 Shawan Road. The façade, or south elevation, features a central entry with a six-paneled single-leaf wood door and eight 6/6 vinyl windows, all of which have vinyl surrounds and sills. A one-bay square portico with a gabled roof supported by Tuscan columns shelters the entry. A one-story, canted bay window projects from the south end of the east elevation.

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### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other Howard Cottage

### 2. Location

street and number 4 Shawan Road not for publication

city, town Cockeysville vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Marble Hill Partnership

street and number 5 Shawan Road telephone Not Available

city, town Cockeysville state MD zip code 21030

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6805 folio 614

city, town Towson tax map 42 tax parcel 255 tax ID number 2000011069

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	circa 1925	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	circa 1925		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Known in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries as Marble Hill, the area around the intersection of Shawan and York Roads developed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century after the Western Run Turnpike was completed to its eastern terminus at the York Turnpike. The privately organized York Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1805. Work on the new road ceased in 1810, when the thirty-five miles of road from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line was completed. This route soon became one of the primary north-south road in Baltimore County. Taverns in Maryland Line, Wiseburg, Philopolis, and Timonium served travelers along the route.<sup>1</sup>

The incorporation of the Western Run Turnpike Company in 1867 provided an east-west corridor between Cockeysville Station and Butler Post Office, where the road terminated at its junction with the Falls Turnpike. This provided the area just north of Cockeysville to develop into a small rural community comprised mostly of residential structures with a few commercial buildings along the two main roads. The area around this intersection was known as Marble Hill because of the abundant marble quarries located nearby. Although the area was only sparsely developed by 1850, the 1877 county atlas shows that there were five dwellings in Marble Hill situated primarily along York Turnpike. In addition, there was a gristmill and distillery just north of the community.<sup>2</sup> The 1915 county atlas indicates that settlement continued through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.<sup>3</sup> The Marson Cottage was constructed at this point in the history of Marble Hill, after settlement in the community had slowed down.

<sup>1</sup>William Hollifield, *Difficulties Made Easy: History of the Turnpikes of Baltimore City and County* (Cockeysville, MD: The Baltimore County Historical Society, 1978), p. 51; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), pp. 44-49.

<sup>2</sup>*Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*, p. 49; see also S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (Np: C.E. and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 22.

<sup>3</sup>*Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).



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Since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, Marble Hill has undergone significant changes in its landscape and overall character. Travel between York and Baltimore increased after World War II. York Road, which had been released by the York Turnpike Company in 1910, was not longer sufficient to maintain a heavy amount of automobile traffic. The Baltimore/Harrisburg Expressway (I-83), which extends northward in a line roughly parallel with York Road, replaced the former turnpike as the main traffic corridor. In 1918, the Western Run Turnpike was acquired by the county, which changed the turnpike's name to Shawan Road. In the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the town of Cockeysville has come to encompass the community of Marble Hill. Since the 1970s, development along the Expressway has led to changes in zoning and land use and to the increased development of the Shawan Road/York Road area.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1925, the Howard Cottage has been associated with the 31,710 square feet known as tax parcel 255 of map 42, located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	April 27, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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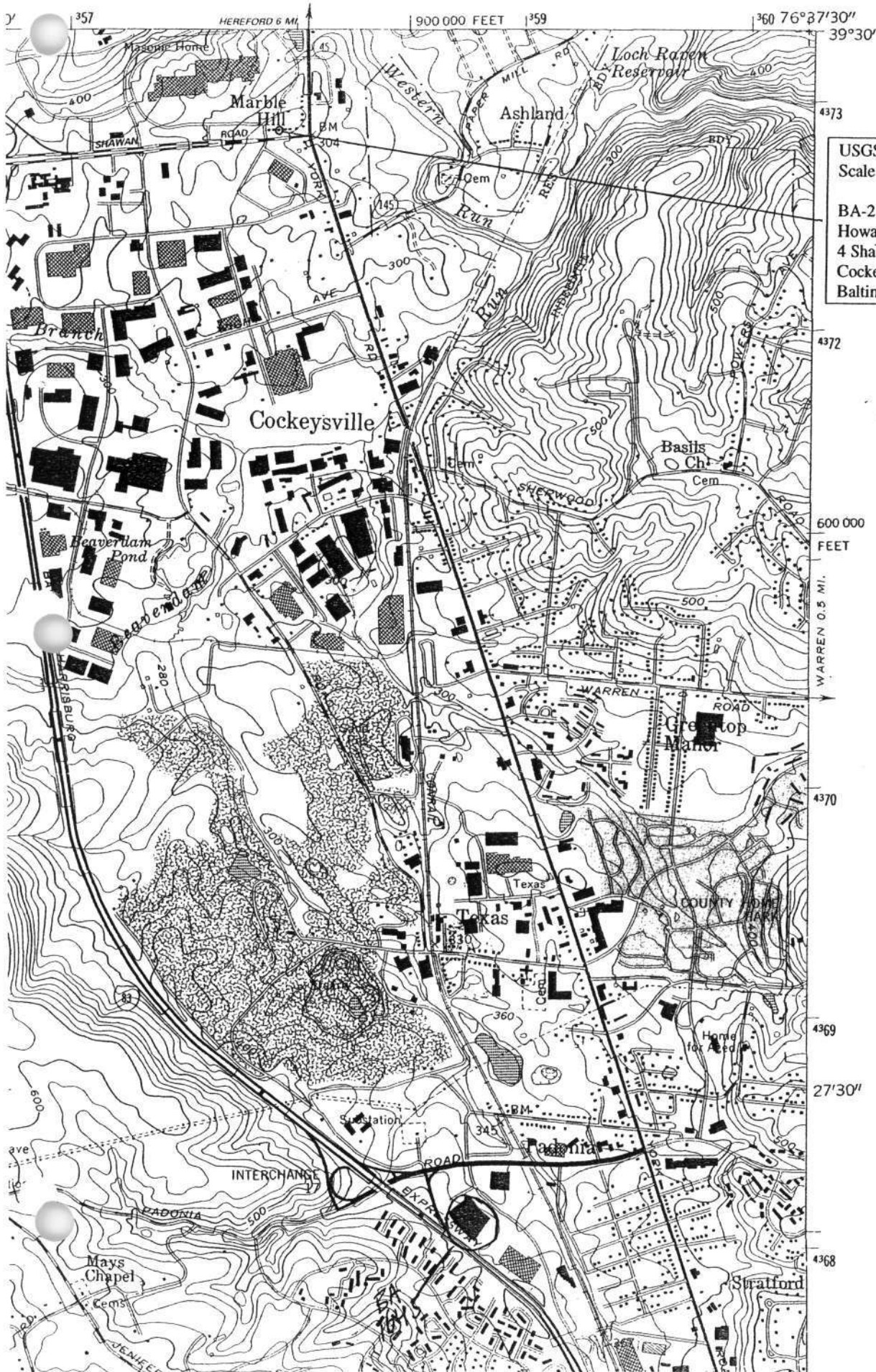
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MARYLAND—BALTIMORE CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5663 II SE  
(PHOENIX)



USGS Quad: COCKEYSVILLE  
Scale: 1:24,000

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HOWARD COTTAGE

N SHAWAN ROAD, COCKEYSVILLE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

SOUTHWEST CORNER, CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

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4 SHAWAN ROAD, COCKEYSVILLE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

SOUTH ~~EAST~~ CORNER, CAMERA FACING NORTH WEST



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NORTHEAST CORNER, CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST

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